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For: SHAPE MEASURING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 16, 17, 22 and 25 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) The shape measuring device according to claim 1, characterized in that the measuring head comprises driving means for being moved along the guide rail.

4. (Amended) The shape measuring device according to claim 1, characterized in that the second position detection means comprises

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